Illegal trading in animals

♦313. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Free Press Journal of 13th June, 1986 regarding illegal trading in animals, including the. protected and endangered species;

(b) if so, whether Government pro- pose to make special arrangements to protect musk deer, rhinos, monkeys, snakes and some birds; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI):.

' (a) Yes, Sir. (b) Yes. Sir.

i(c) A statement is attached.

Statement

Following steps have been taken to control poaching and illegal trade V wildlife

(i) Wild Life (Protection) Act. 1972 is being enforced. It has also been suitably amended in the last session of Parliament to ban trade in endangered species of wildlife and products derived therefrom;

(ii) India has ratified the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in 1976 and is actively implementing the provisions of this convention;

.(iii) A new centrally sponsored scheme entitled "Assistance for control of poaching and illegal trade in wildlife having inter-state and international implication" has been now approved whereby Central Government would provide to the State Government 50 per cent of the cost on non-recurring expenditure;

(iv) The Scheme for strengthening the central Wildlife Division has been now approved, which will help in the control of illegal trade in wildlife and the enforcement of wildlife laws;

(v) For conservation of rhinos in Assam, a new scheme has been formulated;

(vi) Export of endangered animals including musk deer and rhino and all species of monkeys and pro-duets derived from all such animals is banned;

(vii) Financial assistance to the national parks, sanctuaries and Tiger Project areas is being enhanced.

Intensification of military activities of Pakistan along Jammu and Kashmir Border

*314. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a,) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the 'Patriot' of 23rd July, 1986 to the effect that Pakistan has intensified its military activities along the Jammu and Kashmir border deploying additional troops and bringing in more reinforcements at Poonch, Rajouri, Haji-peer and Uri sectors in Pak-held areas of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, what are the deailg in this regard; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government in this regard to face the above threat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have seen the Press report in question. However, no evidence to suggest nny movement or concentration of Pakis-

tani troops in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir.

(c) Government constantly monitor all development affecting our security and take appropriate measures to ensure full defence preparedness.

Construction of a wall along Indo-Pak Border

•315. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA;

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to construct a wall all along the international border with Pakistan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

*316. *[Transferred to the 12th August,* 1986.]

Ranganath Mishra Commission

•317. SHRI K. GOPALAN;
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1231 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1985 and state:

(a) how many times Justic$_e$ Ranganath Mishra Commission .was given extension by Government;

(b) whether the Commission did submit its report, if so, when;

(c) whether the report was published or not, if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) the total expenditure incurred on the Commission till date?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) Justice Ranganath Mishra Commission was appointed on 26th April,. 1985, initially for a period of six months i.e. till 25th October, 1985. Subsiquently to extensions were granted one on 25th October, 1985, and second on 23rd April, 1986 for the periods of six months and four months, respectively. The present term expires on 25th August, 1986. No report has been submitted as yet.

(d) An expenditure of about Rs. 18.10 lakhs has been incurred on the Commission till 31st July, 1986.

Inflow of Chinese arms into Arunachal Pradesh

♦318. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI; •

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received reports of the clandestine inflow of Chinese arms into the sensitive border territory of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it has also come to the notice of Government that Chinese arms are being funnelled into Nagaland;

(c) whether it is also a fact that China has recently stepped up the arming and training of Nagaland underground elements belonging to the so-called Nationalist Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN);

(d) if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(e) what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (e) There is no report about clandestine inflow of Chinese arms into Arunachal Pradesh or Nagaland. Nothing definite has been established about recent supply of arms to and training of NSCN personnel by China.